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Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

EVERY year in January this correspondent tries hard to get hold of an issue of a certain Cairo weekly "Al Itnein," containing the yearly political forecasts of the famous Heliopolis astrologist, Ahmed al Entabi. Al Entabi has an extremely good record: almost 50 per cent of his predictions usually prove to be true. Some of our more sophisticated friends might of course argue that according to the theory of probability even a moron has a good chance of being right five times out of ten, which only goes to show how little they understand about predictions in politics: we for instance, happen to know quite a few political observers, who are very far from reaching such a percentage because they rely on their scientific *Weltanschauung* or their sound political instinct or on both.

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"THE noble liberation movement of the army headed by Muhamed Nagib and Gamal Abdel Naser will continue its activities in 1953," says the astrologer and he may be quite right. "Elections will take place during the second half of the year and thereafter important decisions will be taken with regard to the future status of the country." I wouldn't be so sure about that: the important decisions were made a week after Entabi came out with his prognostications and he had better forget about elections. "Egypt will reach an agreement with Great Britain both with regard to the Sudan and the Suez and the last British soldiers will leave Egypt in 1954." He must have read Crossman, but some people in Whitehall and Downing Street would be very grateful if he could tell them how to do it. "In Korea the war will be ended late in 1953 and a peace treaty will be signed." Only good news this year: Chou Enlai has just made a step towards it and perhaps General Eisenhower's statement about the Seventh Fleet has not had a bad effect after all. But a peace treaty? Entabi surely means an armistice but perhaps a partial eclipse of Mars will intervene.

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"IN Kenya the troubles will decrease towards the end of February." But meanwhile the white settlers are demonstrating in front of Government House, Nairobi, asking for stronger measures. Yet it should not be forgotten that Mau-Maus too take a great interest in astrology, so of course their attitude may be influenced by the constellation on the firmament. "In the United States General Eisenhower will take a number of important steps to fortify world peace." This is a safe guess because in case of a third world war no one will care about Ahmed al Entabi anymore. "In Turkey a revolution against the present Government must be expected." Perhaps old man Kashany and the Moslem Brotherhood have sent a few more of their agents to Turkey, but I expect a revolution, if at all, nearer Heliopolis. "In France and Italy there will be more internal trouble." This is extremely likely, what with the new election law in Italy and the new government in Paris: how could he have known that four weeks ago? Has he read perhaps Stalin's brilliant recent work about "Problems of Socialism," in which the Soviet leader reaches the same conclusions on a similar scientific basis?

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BUT there is something about Stalin too: "Certain Communist states behind the Iron Curtain will secede from the Cominform in 1953." This is really headline news: not one country, but "several". What a pity that bad visibility again interfered and prevented Al Entabi from being more specific. The State Department would be willing to pay a few million dollars for more detailed information: the old debate of containment versus liberation would at last be over. "In Japan the form of government will be changed during the latter part of the year." The Japanese have their own astrologers, they do not need him. "In Jordan, Iraq and Iran there will be troubles soon, and monarchy will be replaced by republic." Troubles in Iran —this is scarcely hot news nowadays. Ex-King Talal, to be sure, gave a press conference the other day at his home near Cairo and complained that certain people were trying to kill him with electrical and other shocks. But on the whole a republic appears to be more likely in Egypt than in Jordan.

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"THERE will be an international crisis in 1953 but not world war." This is reassuring, more power to Ahmed al Entabi! But then, listen: "The State of Israel will weaken considerably in 1953 and finally disintegrate in 1954." Stop kidding, Al Entabi, you saw that fly in front of your telescope which made everything appear topsy-turvy.

Jerusalem, February 7

British Expressed Concern, but Gave No Warning

POST Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The concern of the British Government lest border incidents continue on the Israel-Jordan frontier, and hopes that efforts would be made to put an end to them were expressed simultaneously at Hakirya and in Amman on Thursday, the Foreign Ministry stated here yesterday, denying that any "warning" had been given to Israel.

Referring to press agency reports based on an announcement by the British Foreign Office spokesman that a "warning" had been given to Israel, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that "the version published conveyed the impression that a one-sided demarche had been made in this case by the British Government vis-a-vis Israel alone. These reports by no means reflected the nature of the conversation which took place and the steps actually taken. No "warning has been conveyed to Israel."

A British Embassy spokesman told *The POST* yesterday that the request conveyed simultaneously at Hakirya and Amman had merely been that the border should be "quieted down" and that recent incidents should be "damped down."

The statement issued by the Foreign Ministry yesterday read:

"These reports by no means reflected the true nature of the conversation which took place and the steps actually taken. No "warning" had been conveyed to Israel. Concern was expressed lest the border incidents continue, as well as the hope that efforts would be made to put an end to them. It was also expressly stated by the British Ambassador that at the very same time similar representations were being made to the Jordan Government by the British Ambassador in Amman.

"The gist of the reply of the Foreign Minister of Israel to those representations has already been published. It was to the effect that the Jordan authorities bore sole responsibility for the disturbed state of the border zone, resulting from continued incursions of armed bands from Jordan into Israel with deliberate intent of perpetrating acts of theft, robbery, sabotage and murder, and that it lay entirely with the Jordan Government to bring that situation under effective control.

"The interview with the British Ambassador took place on Thursday upon the invitation of the Foreign Minister of Israel, who transmitted to Sir Francis Evans the appreciation of the situation in accordance with the conclusions reached by the Israel cabinet at its extraordinary session of Wednesday, February 4. It was on this occasion that the British Ambassador made his representations and received a reply as indicated above."

The British action appears to be the result of the Jordan application to Britain invoking the treaty between the two countries.

Reports that the Belgian Government had offered its good offices to mediate between Israel and the Arab States were denied yesterday. A spokesman for the Belgian Legation in Tel Aviv told The POST that the reports had been queried with Brussels, but proved to be unfounded. He pointed out that during the General Assembly sessions Belgium had expressed a desire to see a settlement in the Middle East, but no steps had actually been taken.

This did not rule out the possibility, however, that Belgium might offer its service at a later date, it was pointed out. Political observers in Tel Aviv thought that if this offer were made, it might be intended to strengthen the position of Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, Belgian chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, whose recent efforts have not been crowned with success.

A meeting took place yesterday between the Jordan Defence Minister, Anwar Nusseibeh; the senior Jordan delegate to the Israel-Jordan M.A.C., Azmi Nashashibi, and Mr. Henri Vigier, General Riley's personal representative, in the Old City, A.N.A. reported.

The border situation was discussed and means studied to ease the tension. A further meeting is to be held in a few days.

Arab College Occupied In J'lem, Radio Claims

Radio Ramallah announced yesterday that 80 Jewish families occupied the Arab College building in no-man's-land in Jerusalem yesterday.

The act was an open breach of the armistice agreement, as the building was in the demilitarized zone in which the status quo had to be retained, the Radio claimed. The U.N. Truce Supervision Organization contacted the Israel Police and had demanded the immediate evacuation of the building, the announcement concluded.

Army Helicopter Saves 2 Stranded Constables

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Three young airmen are proud men today. They saved two police constables who had found refuge on a rock off the Nahariya-Rosh Hanikra shore on Thursday night. Their names are Seren Arieh Kaplan, 29; Segev Uri More, 23, and Samal Zvi Kelman, 20. This is the story they told newspaper correspondents today.

At dawn on Friday, Samal Kelman, a member of kibbutz Ein Haberesh was making a flight in a small reconnaissance plane. His mission was to find out whether there were survivors on any of the rocks 800 metres off shore. The sky was overcast and the wind strong.

He flew over the rocks three times, but could see nothing. He was about to return when something bright caught his eye from below. Coming down to a bare 10 metres above the sea, the pilot saw two men desperately waving their handkerchiefs. The men were in a hollow off a U-shaped rock, reasonably safe from the high waves.

"I took my beret off and waved back to them," Samal Kelman recalled. Then he proceeded to showe where a party of policemen stood by. When the police signalled, "I shut off my engine, shouted, 'Two,' and went back to base."

Helicopter Summoned

A helicopter was ordered to try to pick up the survivors. It was past midday when it arrived at the shore, for it had to go to Haifa police headquarters first.

"The wind was more than 25 knots, at least five knots more that was safe for a helicopter to fly, "Seren Kaplan said. Still, the helicopter made a pass over the place, guided by Samal Kelman's tiny plane which returned with blankets and food. There was no place for the helicopter to land, so it returned to the shore.

"We need a rope ladder," Seren Kaplan suggested. A police car sped to a nearby settlement of fishermen who, setting to work immediately, produced the required ladder within an hour. The ladder was fixed to the helicopter, which hovered a few metres from the rock. A policeman hung to the rope to try it out. It held.

It was 1.30 p.m. when the helicopter finally approached the men on the rock. A Haifa boat was already there, trying to take off the constables by sea. They succeeded in approaching as cleve as three metres, but could get no closer. Then the helicopter drew near enough for a man to take hold of the rope ladder.

"We had to go all the way to the shore in reverse, because the wind was so strong," the pilot said. The policeman clung to the ladder with his feet not more than one metre above the waves. The second man was taken of in the same manner.

Little Hope Left For Missing Man

HAIFA, Saturday. — Port police Sergeant Shimon Alfasi, 40, is still missing, with little hope for his survival, while three constables were saved after the captured Lebanese smack they were towing back broke up in a storm off the northern coast on Thursday night.

The rescued men are Y. Rosenblum, 21, and Y. Haim, 31. The search for Sergeant Alfasi, who has a wife and four children, is continuing. The fourth, E. Mustaki, swam ashore.

The boat, the 250-ton Na'amat Karim, was seized in Israel waters a month ago with 130 tons of salt for Egypt. Her five-man crew is still under detention here.

The M.A.C. on Wednesday arranged for her exchange for an Israel boat captured in the Lebanon. The latter was to be brought by truck to the frontier on Thursday noon. At the same hour, the smack was to be delivered off Rosh Hanikra.

A fully-manned police patrol boat, the "Mem Het 14," towed the vessel northward on Thursday morning, the four policemen manning the smack. Mr. Y. Prag, Port Police Commander, said here today that the weather was "normal" with a "normal" forecast.

(The official forecast on Thursday was "southwesterly to westerly winds, 20 knots, sea moderate to rough, barometer low.")

Transfer Postponed

The two boats reached the meeting places two hours behind schedule. It was then learned that the Lebanese were unable to receive their vessel. For technical reasons, the Mem Het 14 could not accept a U.N. proposal to sail to a Lebanese Port. The transfer was then postponed to Friday, and the Mem Het 14 was ordered to return.

The choppy sea slowed her (Continued on Page 2, — Col. 1)

Two Marauders Shot In Exchange of Fire

Two marauders were killed in an exchange of fire between a band of marauders, who had infiltrated into the Jerusalem corridor on Thursday night, and an Israel defence unit, an Army spokesman announced last night. The rest of the marauders retired across the lines.

Sneh Named As Zionist Agent At Prague Trial

Dr. Moshe Sneh was named a former head of Jewish Zionist intelligence in the Slansky trial. This is the most startling, but not the only, news contained in the full protocol of the Prague trial published in Czechoslovakia last week. The 540-page book contains what is alleged to be the verbatim account of the court proceedings. It is much more explicit and detailed than the abridged version received here hitherto.

According to the book, one of the two Israel witnesses, Mr. Shimon Orenstein, is said to have named Dr. Sneh as a head of Jewish Zionist intelligence, as well as of the "illegal" immigration movement ("Aliya Bet") According to the same source, Dr. Sneh is said to have collaborated with Shaul Meirov (Avigur, of Kibbutz Kinneret); Moshe Braginsky, Yehoshua Bertel (Bartal, Labour Attache in London); Levi Shkolnik (Eshkol, Finance Minister); Sheike Trachtenberg and Arthur Per.

Dr. Sneh told The POST last night, "Socialist justice distinguishes between truth and lies, and one may rely upon it."

Mr. Mordecai Oren is said to have declared in his evidence that he worked for British intelligence in Nazi Germany in 1934-35, in Switzerland in 1940, and in most of the People's Democracies after 1945.

It is to be noted that the name of Dr. Arie Kubovy, Israel Minister to Czechoslovakia, is not mentioned in the verbatim record. According to this version, Mr. Oren was sent by the Israel Foreign Minister to find out about the Slansky case and his contact was Mr. Ehud Avriel (who had left Prague many months before).

The incident during the trial included in the broadcast version, according to which Mr. Oren corrected himself after further interrogation, substituting the name of Dr. Kubovy for Mr. Avriel, is not contained in this version of the trial.

YOUTH BODY JOINS SNEH

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The former Mapam youth movement, which has joined Dr. Moshe Sneh's newly-created "Left Faction," will be named after the late Yitshak Sadeh, the first commander of the Palmach, it was announced at a meeting of the country-wide council of the movement held here last night. The movement will be regional.

Britain Opposes Naval Blockade of China Coast

Fears Soviet Sub Intervention

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Britain is "dead against" a naval blockade of the Chinese mainland that might bring Soviet or Soviet-built submarines into the war in the Far East, highly placed sources said today.

British press reports said six Soviet submarines are shortly to be handed over to Communist China's Navy for use in fighting Nationalist raids against the mainland. They said Chinese crews were receiving training at present and several submarines had been "lent" previously by the Soviets to China. The "Scotsman," quoting Hong Kong reports, said the handing over of the submarines is being speeded up, and six submarines have recently been observed off the South China coast by vessels reaching Hong Kong.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the possibility of an American-sponsored blockade of the China coast by the Chinese Nationalists had not been raised with the Government. He said Britain's views on the controversial issue are "well known and remained unchanged" — direct opposition to a blockade.

British sources said President Eisenhower's reported intention to establish the blockade threatened to produce a bigger crisis in Anglo-U.S. policy than did his decision to unfreeze Nationalist troops on Formosa.

Official sources here were perturbed and irritated. They said U.S. Secretary of State Dulles, during his talks with Foreign Secretary Eden here two days ago, had promised prior consultation. High sources said that to make the blockade "reasonably practical" the Soviet port of Vladivostok would have to be included, and Russia was unlikely to swallow such action.

However, the British appear to be more worried over the principle of the matter since, if reports reflect the true intentions of the new Administration, Britain and some other European allies will have to realize they no longer have a voice in decisions they consider of international consequence.

Britain may seek clarification in Washington unless the present storm blows over and U.S. action remains — at least for the time being — limited to giving Chiang Kai-shek freedom of action. Otherwise the Government may face another storm from its opposition and Dunes, which it might not emerge quite so unharmed as it did earlier this week on the Formosa issue, these sources said.

'Little 3' Balkan Pact Expected in February

BELGRADE, Saturday (AP). — Greek Foreign Minister Stephan Stefanopoulos said tonight his country, Yugoslavia and Turkey have arranged a meeting in Athens — probably late this month — to draft a "little three" Balkan pact of friendship and alliance.

His disclosure came during a press conference after Yugoslavia and Greece jointly issued a communique reporting "progress" in the work of getting together with Turkey on a formal agreement for self defence against the threat of Russian aggression.

Mr. Stephanopoulos said that no decision had been reached yet on when the pact will be signed after its terms have been agreed upon. He said that the emphasis in the agreement would be upon the political conditions, but added that "military talks will continue parallel to the political ones." Stephanopoulos said that the military talks constitute a "new stage" in the defensive consultations which have been going on for several weeks among the military leaders of the three countries.

In response to a question he said the three-power pact would not be an exclusive one, and would be "open to anyone who wants to participate — open to those against aggression."

The Greek Foreign Minister contended that such a pact would not conflict either with the U.N. or NATO. On the contrary, he expressed the belief that the Balkan-agreement would strengthen NATO. He said NATO officials would be kept informed of progress in reaching an agreement. Presumably, the three countries will be represented at the Athens meeting by their Foreign Ministers.

CLARE LUCE U.S. ENVOY TO ITALY

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). President Dwight Eisenhower announced tonight the appointment of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce as American Ambassador to Italy.

N. Korean Premier Boasts of Power

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Kim Il Sung of North Korea has declared that if the U.N. attacked in Korea "we would now not allow them to advance nor land from the sea," Peking Radio said today.

Meanwhile, Pyongyang Radio in North Korea said General Kim would be promoted to Marshal tomorrow, the 8th anniversary of his army. The Radio said that Gen. Kim claimed at a senior officers' conference that the North Korean army was four times as strong in men as at the outbreak of the Korean war.

SEOUL, Saturday (Reuter). — The Commander of the U.S. 8th Army, General Maxwell Taylor, has dropped hints that his troops may soon be fighting north of the present battle line in Korea, informed military sources said here today.

Two days ago he told South Korean troops they would "have to prepare for bigger battles in the north." Since then he has openly hinted at a brewing offensive, these sources said.

Holland Turns To Reclamation

THE HAGUE, Saturday (Reuter). — Holland is mourning at least 1,372 dead in the flood disaster but, with rescue and relief work still going on, reclamation and reconstruction has begun.

Officials estimated today that rescue and evacuation work will be completed by Tuesday and reconstruction can start in earnest.

Relief contributions from Red Cross societes in 21 countries have reached $1.5m., it was announced in Geneva today.

(The Netherlands Legation in Jerusalem announced last night that IL.1,600 was received on Friday for "Watersnood 1953." The list of contributors will be published tomorrow.)

Belgium's 22-year-old King Baudoin suddenly ended his Riviera holiday today to return home in the face of severe opposition criticism that he had "deserted" his country in its week of crisis. It was announced today that the King had put 200,000 Belgian francs at the disposal of the "National Calamity Fund."

Mapai Affirms Stand On Unified Education

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Mapai Central Committee met here last night and today to discuss the party's stand on the Unified Education Bill.

The Party's platform to the Second Knesset elections, calling for a national education system was affirmed by an overwhelming majority. The Prime Minister was among the 30 speakers who took part in the debate.

Ukraine Intensifies Drive On Jewish, 'Bourgeois' Influence

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Marshal Stalin is intensifying his drive against Jewish and "bourgeois" influence in the Ukraine, granary of Soviet Russia, judging by latest press and radio reports from Moscow.

These suggest that a big purge of officials there is already under way. Several Ukrainian Ministers have been openly and strongly attacked for alleged failures. The Ukraine and its neighbouring republic of Byelorussia contain a substantial proportion of Russia's 2,500,000 Jews.

The latest public attack which appeared in the local newspaper "Pravda Ukraina" on February 1 was on Justice Minister Panassiuk and his Ministry, and on lawyers said to have been "crooks" and to have offered bribes. Several of the "criminals" mentioned by "Pravda Ukraina" have Jewish-sounding names like Grenstein and Kaplan.

Ukrainian Trade Minister Zaporozhets, Food Minister Gritsiuk, Meat and Milk Minister Butenko and Local Industry Minister Gritsenko have also been under heavy fire for alleged failings.

Several Soviet scientists have been dismissed from the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences for misusing funds, the "Izvestia" announced today. It said another "swindler in Byelorussia had been exposed in the person of Dr. Valentin Borisovich Kashban, who with the aid of his father and friends had angled the post of chief surgeon at the Dnepr Bezhabrinsky hospital." The paper said that I.T. Schwetz, Secretary of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, had been dismissed for squandering Academy funds and suppressing criticism.

Anti-Zionist talks have also become a feature of Warsaw Radio, which is stepping up its attacks against the State of Israel. A recent broadcast said the Vatican and Israel were "two hands doing dirty work for foreign imperialism."

A new Soviet encyclopedia describes Zionists as agents of Anglo-American imperialism and "the worst enemies of toiling Jews," according to a Moscow cable.

But the same book says that in Soviet Russia the "toiling Jews find doors open to all professions and take an active part in building Communism."

Articles on Jews and autonomous Jewish communities in the U.S.S.R. are included in volume 15 of the new edition of the "Bolshaya Sovietskaya" encyclopedia just published in Moscow. As a result of the national policy of Lenin and Stalin, it said, "the Jewish problem does not exist in the Soviet Union, where toiling Jews find doors open to all professions and take an active part in building Communism."

The Jewish Autonomous Region of the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, it said, was founded as a homeland for Jewish immigrants. It has a population of 163,000 Jews, Russians and Ukrainians, and has played a big role in the development of national resources in the Far East and Siberia.

ABUSES, THEFTS

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — "Pravda" today blamed "serious managerial shortcomings" and theft for the failure of industries to reach their production targets, Moscow Radio reported.

It accused the Fisheries and Oil Production Ministries of serious mismanagement, and said that on one important building site, the Vassilyevsk erection administration, "criminals" wasted dozens of tons of motor fuel as a result of lack of supervision."

Meanwhile, the Moscow city court has jailed a gang who stole watch parts from a state factory, assembled them at home and then sold the complete watches in Moscow jewellery shops. The gang, which included a former jewellery shop manager and several watchmakers, disposed of 200,000 watches in this way, "Pravda" said. The sentences ranged from 10 to 25 years.

Four Arrested In USSR for 'Spying'

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Four Russians, one a woman, have been arrested and charged with spying for foreign powers, "Pravda" disclosed today. The newspaper described them as the "secret enemies" for whom Russians must be constantly on the look-out.

Two of the arrested are: S. Gurevich, described as a "secret Trotskyite and enemy of the Soviet people" who deceived the Communist Party and served as a spy for a foreign power since 1938, and E.A. Taratuta, a woman research worker at the Soviet Academy of Sciences whom Gurevich used "to steal a number of secret documents" on the achievements of Soviet science.

'It's Good to Be Back,' Says Bunche as Guest of Government

Jerusalem POST Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — "It's very good to be back here — with no work to do," Dr. Ralph Bunche wrote in the Visitors' Book at the airport here this morning. The head of the U.N. Trusteeship Department and former mediator in Palestine had arrived by U.N. plane from Cairo via Kalandia airfield, near Jerusalem, for a two-day visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Sharett. He is on his way back to New York after a month's private visit to India and Pakistan.

Mr. Bunche stressed that he was in Israel in a purely unofficial capacity, but added that he was of course ready to listen to anybody who had anything to say to him. During his less-than-a-day visit to Cairo, he had a "friendly chat" with General Nagib, but Israel had not been discussed.

On his way from Cairo, he had landed briefly at Kalandia to pick up M. Henri Vigier, political adviser to the U.N. Truce Supervision Team, who had joined him there from Jerusalem and had escorted him to Lydda. Apart from the U.S. Consul General, Mr. S. Roger Tyler, nobody else had met him in Jordan, he said. No official representation had come to the airfield.

He did not discharge the U.N. of its responsibilities, but would not criticize any of the agencies working in this field in accordance with U.N. Assembly resolutions. The trend of his remarks appeared to be a criticism of these resolutions. He said he did not expect to find, four years after the armistice agreements had been signed, that there would still be this problem to settle with all its human sufferings.

Recalling his first visit to Tel Aviv in June, 1947 ("when things were pretty rough and again repeatedly during 1948, when they continued to be rough"), Dr Bunche said he had lately been "out of things" as far as Palestine was concerned, apart from what he had read and his talks in New York with Foreign Minister Sharett; Mr. Reuven Shiloah, the Foreign Minister's (Continued on Page 4. — Col. 4)

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Bonn May Ratify Reparations, Europe Defence Pacts Together

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — Bonn reports indicate that the European Defence Treaty and the Israel reparations agreement will be ratified almost simultaneously by the middle of March. This will enable Konrad Adenauer to leave for Washington by early April, as invited by Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Although Mr. Dulles' talks in Bonn with government and opposition leaders naturally dwelt mainly on the defence treaty, enough was said about Germany's financial position in the light of its non-military obligations to make it clear that Bonn is determined to have the reparations agreement ratified. Mr. Dulles made a special point of obtaining Finance Minister Schaeffer's formal agreement to the German defence contribution and it was noted that Schaeffer, who in the past has not been enthusiastic about reparations to Israel, made no effort to raise this point.

Since the Social Democrats are committed to voting for ratification the necessary formalities are expected here to be completed by February 20 so far as the Budesrat (Upper House) is concerned, and by the middle of March in the case of the Bundestag (Legislature).

From the German standpoint reparations are an important side issue compared with the defence treaty, over which a ferocious struggle between the Government and the opposition is expected. At the same time, Bonn appreciates perfectly that the failure to ratify the agreement with Israel would have disagreeable repercussions during Adenauer's stay in Washington, which is designed to ensure the necessary Congressional grants for Germany's defence programme. Any failure or delay in respect of Israel would give further point to criticism of Schaeffer's recent action in drastically slashing income and corporation taxes to encourage private and corporate savings.

Such criticism is in any case likely to be heard in Washington when Congress is informed of the maximum size of Germany's defence contribution and the need for large American grants. It can therefore be assumed that those elements of the Bonn coalition who have hitherto opposed the reparations agreement will offer no further resistance.

Adenauer Welcomes Speedy Ratification

HAMBURG, Saturday (AP). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today welcomed a public appeal for quick ratification of the Bonn Government's agreement to pay Israel for Jewish losses under fascism.

In a letter to the organization "Peace with Israel," which sponsored the appeal, Adenauer said the victims of Nazism should become convinced that "the voice of humanity is not to be cried down in the Federal Republic."

Dulles, Stassen Confer in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Saturday (Reuter). — U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles discussed Belgium's part in the European Army scheme with Belgian leaders soon after he arrived here today on the final leg of his flying tour of West Europe. He and Mutual Security Director Harold Stassen will go on to Luxembourg tomorrow and then fly back to Washington.

The American leaders flew in today from The Hague and were met by Foreign Minister Paul van Zeeland at the airport.

In his talks with Belgian leaders Mr. Dulles was reported to have urged them to seek speedy ratification of the European Army treaty.

Mr. Dulles also revealed that President Eisenhower had appointed him, Mr. Stassen, Secretary of Defence Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Benson to form a committee to consider aid to flood victims in Holland, Belgium and Britain.

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Social & Personal

A message of condolence has been sent to the Haifa Municipality on the death of the Mayor, Dr. Haim Kugel, by Mr. Moshe Kol, Director of Youth Aliya.

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Professor N.H. Tur-Sinai, of the Hebrew University, has completed a four-month lecture tour that took him to many universities and colleges throughout the U.S.

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Mr. N. Kadmon will speak on "Satellite Stations in Space Flight" at the Ratisbonne Hall in Jerusalem at 8.15 tonight under the auspices of the Jerusalem Amateur Astronomers' Association.

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BIRTH

SCHIFF — To Ruth (nee Isaac), wife of Mr. Curt Schiff, on Thursday, February 5, 1953, at Kfar Gedi Hospital, Tel Aviv — a daughter, Michal.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Yocheved Wolk

The death took place yesterday in Jerusalem of Mrs. Yocheved Wolk, widow of Rabbi Wolk. She was about 100 years old. She was the daughter of one of the first members of the Hovevei Zion. The funeral will leave from 25 Rehov Alfasi, Jerusalem, at 1.30 today.

Miriella Takes Iran Oil On Last Lap Home

GENOA, Saturday (Reuter). — The Italian tanker Mirella, 3,457 tons, defying Britain's "legal blockade" of ships carrying Persian oil, steamed through the Mediterranean today on the last lap of here voyage from Abadan to Italy. She cleared the Suez Canal yesterday without incident.

Another Italian tanker, the Carignand, 5,638 tons, may leave Genoa for Abadan today, usually reliable shipping sources said. She was to make trial runs after repairs, and, if they were satisfactory, would sail at once for the Persian oil port, they stated.

Case of 22 Jailed Jordan Communists for Review

AMMAN, Saturday (AP). — Twenty-two Communists still held under defence regulations in a desert camp in south Jordan will today face a committee which will consider each case individually.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Rosema, Bus 15. Feeding times: 3-3 p.m.
9-1; 2-5: Bezalel Museum: Bezalel Schatz, Oil Paintings and Drawings.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition. Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition, Ruth Bamberger, Haifa Artists. Artists House.
11.30-12.30: Film Show of Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

8 p.m.: "Saint Joan" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.
6-7: Memorial exhibition of the artist, Menahem Shemi (Schmidt): 126 paintings and drawings of the Habimah and Ohel Theatres decors. Museum.
8.30 p.m.: Revue "It Will be Good." Li-La-Lo, Ohel Shem Hall.

HAIFA

10-1 daily: Exhibition of paintings and drawings "Old Masters" 16th & 17th Century — collection of M. Havrat — Municipal Museum — Town Hall.
4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of paintings by Wittman, Kurt, Nazareth Artists' House, 33 Rehov Usse, (opp. Carmelia Court).
8 p.m.: RAMAT GAN
8 p.m.: Latin-America Ballet, Rama.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Tea Tall Men.
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EDISON: Ballerina.
OR-GIL: The Big Trees.
ORION: Nos Femmes Tous des Assassins. (4.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
ORNA: On Moonlight Bay.
STUDIO: Il Barbiere di Siviglia.
ZION: Something to Live For. (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).

11,558,830 Jews Throughout World

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — The world's total Jewish population is 11,558,830, of whom approximately 2,500,000 are in East European countries, according to the 1953 American Jewish Year Book which has been published here by the American Jewish Committee.

About 55 per cent of the Jewish population, or 5,833,000, live in North and South America. The Jewish population of Israel during 1952 totalled 1,425,000, or more than 12 per cent of the entire world Jewish population.

By contrast, Germany which once had a Jewish population of 600,000 now has 23,000 Jews. The largest Jewish community is in the U.S. with 5,000,000 Jews. There are 450,000 Jews in England, 235,000 in France, 360,000 in Argentina and 120,000 in Brazil.

Beduin Seek New Pasture Land

Jerusalem POST Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Beduin in the Negev are on the move, seeking pasture for their flocks. The dry winter has withered their fields.

The authorities are expected to distribute this month the ration of flour they normally would have got in May so that they can save their grain as seed for next winter.

The authorities also facilitated access to wells which are usually used for other purposes, Sgan-Aluf Basil Herman, Military Governor of Beersheba, told *The POST*. The Government will endeavour to carry out public works in the Negev to help Beduin.

Relations with the Negev Beduin remained friendly as long as a tribe was willing to stay put and defend the area from marauders, which they usually did. The Government provides the 18 tribes with medical service and education.

There are seven Beduin schools in the Negev, and new ones are to be established shortly with the help of the Beduin themselves. The tribes pay token taxes for these services.

'SCROLLS OF FIRE' GOING ON SALE

"Scrolls of Fire" (Gvilei Esh), an anthology of works by soldiers who fell in the War of Independence, is to go on sale on Monday. It will cost IL.6.

The volume can be obtained, between 4 and 6 p.m., at: the Defence Forces Archives, 6 Rehov Ester Hamalka, Tel Aviv; the Defence Ministry, Jerusalem; and the Defence Ministry, 16 Rehov Yavneh, Haifa.

U.K. FIRM ON FUTURE OF SOUTHERN SUDAN

KHARTOUM, Saturday (Reuter). — Sir James Robertson, Civil Secretary of the Sudan, has told party leaders here that Britain will not allow the Northern Sudanese and the Egyptians to decide the future of the Southern Sudan, according to the independent newspaper, "Sudan el Gadid."

Sir James conferred separately with leaders of three Sudanese political parties last weekend.

LOWER SEA INSURANCE FOR ISRAEL FREIGHT

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — An Israel spokesman has announced here that the International Marine Insurance companies have decided to include Israel in the list of countries entitled to lower rates of insurance. The rate for Israel-bound freight will be seven and a half cent per $100 of insured goods. East Europe, Egypt, Malaya and other countries are included among the countries where a higher rate of insurance is charged.

Lie Eases U.N. Tests On Workers' Loyalty

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (UP). — Secretary-General Trygve Lie sent the General Assembly on Thursday his detailed plans for barring from the U.N. subversive persons. He emphasized that the U.N. "glass-house is not a profitable place for spies and saboteurs."

He said he was determined to keep out anyone whom he had "reasonable grounds for believing is engaging, or is likely to engage, in subversive activities against any member government." But he voiced a similar determination to ensure that "action which so vitally affects the life of the individual should only be taken after due processes and on the basis of convincing evidence."

Furthermore, he said that "convincing evidence that, in the past, an official had engaged in subversive activities would not necessarily lead to finding that he was likely to be engaged in such activities either at present or in the future."

Mr. Lie's statement is likely to anger American delegates to the U.N. who have insisted on strict surveillance of Americans employed by the U.N. But there has been much criticism by other delegations over the severity of the checks.

Two weeks ago fingerprint checks were taken of more than 1,600 American U.N. employees.

U.K. Inclined Toward Israel-Cyprus Trade

By Shahe Guebenlian, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — The British Government's first reaction to Israel's request that Cyprus should import more goods from Israel has been favourable, it was reliably reported here today.

This is understood to be the outcome of high-level London talks on the subject prompted by Cyprus merchants' persistent demands that exchange facilities be granted enabling increased trade with Israel.

It now appears that following urgent reminders and recommendations by the Cyprus Government, London has now indicated that a trade agreement between Cyprus and Israel was possible. Israel has suggested that Cyprus import, to the value of about one-third of Israel's total purchases from the island.

REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S EDITORIALS

'Davar' Commends Lavon Committee's Accomplishments

Commenting on the work done by the Lavon Committee "Davar" (Histadrut) says that this committee revealed a large measure of caution in its first statements: dismissals from Government offices have up to now mainly served to prevent overlapping. This was perhaps unavoidable during the first years of statehood because of the general lack of experience. The paper welcomes the fact that there has been full collaboration between the Committee and the Association of Government Employees and that dismissals will not bring about a cut in services. The paper regrets that other public and private organizations (including the Jewish Agency) have not yet made similar attempts to streamline work.

No Freedom of Action

"Haboker (General Zionist) dealing with the same topic, complains about the fact that a Mapam member served as cultural attaché to the Israel legation in Hungary, only to be expelled as a *persona non grata* several days ago. The paper says that diplomatic envoys have no freedom of action behind the Iron Curtain, and expresses surprise that the State Controller had not recalled the attaché previously. The paper also mentions the fact that the new regime in Egypt has closed down a number of Egyptian legations in Eastern Europe in order to save foreign currency.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) comments on the news about American action with regard to the incidents on the Israel-Arab border. The paper says that in the long run such American intervention will not be effective: the Americans will have to induce Arab statesmen to take the first steps towards the preservation of peace. Arab refugees will have to be resettled further from the Arab-Israel borders. The Arab States have opposed peace with Israel for four years: the U.S. might not only prevent a second round but it is able also to cause the Arabs to change their minds about a solution of the refugee problem. The State Department has not had the courage to work along these lines during the last few years, though it is the only way of restoring peace. At the same time "Ha'aretz" attacks those parties and circles in Israel who have criticized the Government for its lack of "activity."

A large number of articles are again devoted to N.A.F. (New Anti-Semitic Policy) of the Cominform and its repercussions both without and within. Messrs. Bentov and Galili writing in "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) settle their respective accounts with Dr. Sneh. Bentov calls Sneh a Trotskyite who cannot stay in any party consistently but thrives on political unrest. He draws attention to Sneh's past, to his shift from the General Zionists to a flirtation with Mapai, to his enthusiasm for the British Labour Government, from there to an armistice with I.Z.L. and the Stern gang, from the I.Z.L. to Ahdut Avoda, from Ahdut Avoda to Hashomer Hatzair, from Hashomer Hatzair to "Hativat Hasmol."

Welcomes 'Left Faction'

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) on the other hand (calling itself "People's Democracy") cordially welcomes the establishment of the "Left Faction," and calls for close collaboration in spite of certain "ideological differences" between the two groups (Maki and Sneh), differences which only their enemies declare exist.

"Hador" (Mapai) reports new friction in the leadership of the Israel Communist Party: Mr. Wilner has charged Mikunis, the General Secretary of the party, with a conciliatory attitude towards the Jewish national movement both in the past and the present. Wilner was reported to have established a close alliance with the Arab nationalist elements in Maki, while Mikunis was supported by most Jewish leaders.

"Davar" (Histadrut) pub'ishes a third article by S.S. Yariv (pseudonym of a well-known public figure) dealing with "Communism and the Zionism of Hashomer Hatzair" and there is an editorial on the same subject in "Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi).

THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London Hopes for Higher Gold Price

TEL AVIV. — The firm tendency for dollar-linked Government Loans was maintained at first. In the course of the week, however, a slight downward trend set in, caused by profit realization and cash requirements, and quotations were approximately on last week's level. Tavei Dollar cum coupon were 201, Mivve Leumi small issue 205½, large issue cum coupon 267½, ex coupon 274. Turnovers in other sections of the market were rather limited and prices were hardly changed.

NEW YORK. — The message of President Eisenhower and the Formosa issue had surprisingly little effect on the stock exchange, and the general tendency was maintained. Switch operations took place into such issues which are expected to benefit from the prospective elimination of the excess profit tax, Railway shares dropped slightly, and Coppers came to the fore, owing to prospects of higher domestic copper price upon decontrol.

LONDON. — Markets continued to be very quiet. Good news concerning gold and dollar reserves were neutralized by the British Government's attitude to the Formosa question, with the result that active interest was slow to develop. Japanese Loans were lower in connection with Formosa, but here too, no considerable decline in prices became apparent. The same applies to South-African Gold Mines, where profit-taking and switch-operations into copper shares took place.

GOLD. — The softer tendency continued, and the free market price came to $37.55-37.65 per fine ounce, as against $38.- a short while ago. According to an announcement from Washington, U.S. Gold stocks diminished in the week ended January 28 by $52m. and stood at $23,036m. at the end of January. The "Daily Telegraph" City Editor, discussing the question of a higher gold price, says there is no reason to doubt that even in responsible quarters the hopes of a higher gold price — not in the near future, but in medium term — are now being more seriously entertained than was the case only a few weeks ago. Although there is not the slightest evidence that the new Administration in Washington sees the gold price question in any different light from that of its predecessor, the case for raising the price is steadily gaining pace in London.

COMMODITIES. — The U.K. Commodity Index closed unchanged at 512.5 The price for zinc reached a new low level at about £85.- per ton. Hides and rubber were also somewhat easier. Wool was in demand again, and prices were slightly firmer. At the end of January, negotiations started toward an extension of the International Wheat Agreement beyond its July 31 expiration. Whether the pact will be renewed, appears to depend entirely on whether the producing and consuming countries can agree on the price question.

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LUTON SLAM MAN. C. IN REPLAY

By AKIVA KALMAN

Seven Fourth Round English Football Association Cup Replays were fought out on Wednesday and Thursday, bringing decisive results in all but two.

On the first day Luton Town at home overwhelmed Manchester City to the tune of five goals to one. A last minute inclusion reserve inside left, Turner, made it a personal triumph and spearheaded the victory by netting in the second minute and making it a hat-trick with two further goals.

West Bromwich Albion, in the running for the League I championship, faced Chelsea on their own ground, and the defences were well on top. Despite extra time, neither side could score. The second replay will take place on Monday on the Aston Villa ground.

Omen for "Hattrick"

Aston Villa, Cup record holders, got through against Brentford on the latter's ground by 3-1, while Tottenham Hotspur beat their old rivals Preston North End by an early goal, in the eighth minute, 1-0, in a scrappy game. According to the records on both occasions that the "Spurs" have beaten Preston in an earlier Cup engagement, they have gone on to win the trophy and fans are wondering whether this result is an omen for a "hattrick".

Birmingham City nearly lost the game against Second Division leaders, Sheffield United, by easing up too early. They eventually won 3-1. After establishing a 3-0 lead, one of their own men gave a goal away to give the United a fresh lease of life. But the home side clinched matters with a third goal.

On Thursday, Notts. County and Bolton Wanderers fought out a dour battle which ended, after extra time, in a two-all draw, and they meet yet again on Monday on the Sheffield Wednesday ground. Young Linton, the Notts. goalie, was the hero of the match. Manchester United made no mistake in the replay against the last amateur team in the contest, Walthamstow Avenue, and beat them 5-2. The Avenue decided to play their fixture not on their own 10,000 capacity ground but on the Arsenal Highbury ground, thus losing their home advantage. Their consolation was a 30,000 crowd which paid nearly £3,000 gate money. The Manchester team were determined from the start and led 3-1 at halftime, and while the amateurs matched their rivals in spirit they had to give ground on technical play.

In the Fifth Round games, Birmingham will play away to the eventual winner of the West Bromwich-Chelsea tie; Aston Villa will visit Rotherham United, the Third Division side; Luton are at home to the winner of the Notts. County-Bolton Wanderers replay; the "Spurs" will travel to face Halifax Town, the Third Division side; and Manchester United will be away to Everton. Other results: Div. III (N): Gateshead 3, Halifax 1; Div. III (S): Shrewsb'y T. 1, Walsall 0.

The 5th round F.A. Cup ties in full (home team first) are: Halifax Town vs. Tottenham Hotspur; Rotherham United vs. Aston Villa; Chelsea or West Bromwich Albion vs. Birmingham City; Plymouth Argyle vs. Gateshead; Everton vs. Manchester United; Luton Town vs. Bolton Wanderers or Notts County; Burnley vs. Arsenal; Blackpool vs. Southampton.

Paz Appears at 'Y' Swim

Paz, the Israel Navy swimmer who is scheduled to attempt to swim the English Channel this year, appeared as a guest at an inter-Hebrew University and Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section friendly tournament on Tuesday night. He came first in the men's 100 metre breaststroke event in 1 minute 32.8 seconds. He was obviously not exerting himself and apparently turned out only as "an additional attraction".

One record did go by the board, however, at the small meet. Swimming under water for 60 metres, three times the length of the "Y" pool, Elizur Divon, of the Law Faculty of the University, set a new Jerusalem "high".

A rather low standard water-polo match brought a 4-2 win to the Y.M.C.A. over the University. The Rector of the University, Prof. B. Mazar, was present.

The other results were: Men: 100 m. crawl: 1. A.Pfefferman(Y.M.C.A.) 1:13.8, 100 m. breast-stroke: 1. Paz (Navy), 1:32.6, 60 m. back-stroke: 1. Amir Taussig ("Y"), 51.2 secs. Relay, 4 x 40 m. Freestyle: 1. Law Faculty, H.U., 1:44.8; 2. Botany Faculty, H.U., 2:17.4. Women: 60 m. breast-stroke: 1. Perimutter (Chemistry Fac. H.U.), 1:20.5. 50 m. crawl: 1. Vivian Hanson ("Y"), 32.7 secs.

(M. F.)

T.A. Maccabi Accept Soccer Tour Invite

The Football Committee of Tel Aviv Maccabi have accepted the invitation to tour Turkey and take part in soccer tournaments there, subject to the number of matches being limited to five, instead of the seven suggested.

Afterwards the side will play two games in Greece, one at Salonika and the other in Athens. Subject to financial matters being agreed, the side should leave at the end of March or beginning of April.

FIRST HOME FOR ARAB DELINQUENTS OPENED

The first closed institution for Arab juvenile delinquents was opened recently near Acre, the Ministry of Social Welfare has announced.

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10.30 a.m. Music While You Work. 11.00 Music of the People (R)). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.32 Programme for Hospitals. 12.10 Concert Hall: "Carneval Romain" (Berlioz); Symphony No. 1 (Mahler). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m.: Variety (R). 5.05 Piano Recital: Theodor Bender. 5.30 Tea Time Music. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.20 Variety. 7.45 Talk. 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Concert: Schubert Programme: String Quintet in C-Major; Symphony No. 8. 10.00 Hebrew Songs. 10.30 Award of Engel Prize. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

468, 225, 216, 49.9 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m.; 10.25 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess Corner. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.20 Literature. 5.30 Music (R). 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column," by Walter Eytan. 11.35 "Let the Dry Land Appear."
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	A	B	C	D
Mt. Casa'on	59	4	31	13
Tiberias	35	19	22	26
Haifa Port	38	10	19	21
Nathanya	59	9	19	21
Tel Aviv Port	62	10	19	20
Lydda	36	3	21	23
Jerusalem	33	4	15	17
Beersheba	29	1	20	22
Dimona	21	1	21	25

FORECAST: Fair and warm.

"A": Monday at 1 p.m. B): Minimum temps. C): Maxim. yesterday. D): Maxim. temps. expected today.

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YOSEF BOVI, 38, of Ramle, was detained on Friday after he reportedly tried to outwit police by falsely reporting the theft of 12 cows from his barn on Thursday night. A Police search disclosed five cows in a grove near the barn.

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ISRAEL is to participate in three international fairs this year, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided. They are: Izmir, from August 30 to September 20; in Stockholm from August 22 to September 6, and Salonika between September 6 and 19.

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THE NUMBER of persons entering and leaving the country during January was about the same as during December, it was reported yesterday by Ministry of Interior sources. Of the 3,162 entrants, 705 were immigrants, 970, returning residents and 1,427, tourists. Of the 3,114 who left, 1,065 were residents; 602, emigrants and 1,449, tourists.

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KARL LEIBOWITZ, 28, and Yitzhak Feigman, 27, were sentenced to six months and one year in prison, respectively, by the Jerusalem District Court on Friday, for having taken IL.70 under false pretences from Mr. S. Bornstein, a cafe owner in the Katamon quarter.

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HADAR RAMATAYIM and the six surrounding residential quarters will go to the polls today to elect the first 15-man local council for the new combined local government area.

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A SMALL fire broke out at one of the offices of the Foreign Ministry at Hakirya on Friday morning when a lighted kerosene stove overturned. One of the office girls was slightly burnt and the fire put out by the employees themselves.

'Ein Gedi' Wins Haifa Sailboat Race

HAIFA, Saturday. — The third annual northern area sailing race, organized by the Maritime League, was held here over a five kilometre course this morning. Three boats each of the Tzofei Yam, Zebulun, and Hapoel Haifa sports clubs participated. The "Ein Gedi" came first in 47.35 minutes, the "Windmiller" second, 15 seconds later, and "Spector" took third place in 55 minutes. All three boats belonged to the Tzofei Yam.

FRIENDLY GAMES

Haifa Hapoel	6	Nathanya Mac.	3
Jaffa Maccabi	6	Zeh. Ya'ac. Mac.	1
Jaffa Betar	4	Mikve Yehu. Hap.	0
Tel Aviv Betar	2	Hadera Hap.	0
Hadera Maccabi	6	Sports C. Arlila	0
Tel Aviv Mac.	4	Rehovot Mac.	0
Bnei Yehuda T.A.	1	Tel Aviv Hakoah	1
Nathanya Hapoel	4	Ram. Gan Mac.	3
Nathanya Betar	2	Nathan Betar T.A.	0
Kf. Yehezkiel Hap.	4	Jezreel Hapoel	2
Nahariya Hapoel	6	Kiryat Haim Hap	2
Ram. Gan Hap.	1	Petah Tikva Hap.	0
Hap. Haifa Beach	3	Hakoah Haifa	3
Dep. Yehuda Haifa	3	Hapoel Kfar Ata	0

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HANDBALL

As winners in a round-robin handball tournament here today the Rehovot Maccabi team received the Yehiel Frostman and Menahem Rahav memorial shield. Four other teams took part in the tournament on the Reali school grounds for the trophy awarded in the name of two youths killed on the eve of Haifa's liberation. In the final match the Rehovot team beat Amal Tel Aviv 7-5. Other results were: Techniun 7, Amal T.A. 3; Maccabi Rehovot 3, Maccabi Haifa 2; Amal T.A. 6, Maccabi Haifa 5; Maccabi Rehovot 9, Techniun 1; and Techniun 6, Lisezabi Haifa 3.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV — Coffee and tea: 120 grams coffee, or 100 grams tea, or 60 grams coffee and 60 grams tea, for Dated and Red Cards. 100 grams rice for Green cards. Issued 28, Issued 30, temporary, 25, 26.

Inquiry Unit Censures Eshed For Saying Segal was 'Murdered'

Jerusalem POST Staff

The Ministry of Communication's Inquiry Committee on Friday strongly censured the Eshed bus cooperative for announcing that Mr. Yitzhak Segal, a ticket controller, was "murdered in the line of duty" even though the cooperative knew that the medical findings refuted this statement.

The Committee, which heard testimony from Eshed and Tel Aviv officials, found that the death of Mr. Segal was in no way connected with the quarrel which broke out on January 30 between him and four youths. It has been proved beyond a shadow of doubt, Mr. Segal suffered from diabetes and a very serious heart disease," the Committee said. These alone caused his death.

"No signs whatsoever of violence were found on his body, and his death could have come about at any time and at any place, and not only as a result of excitement."

More than six months ago, Eshed had released Mr. Segal from his duties as a driver due to his health and employed him in office work. Four months ago he was made a ticket controller which was "hard and nerve-wracking work," the Committee found.

"It is surprising that Mr Segal, who was not at all well, was assigned to this post," the Committee said.

Eshed was also censured for the behaviour of its drivers who attacked the police, broke windows of the patrol car and prevented the vehicle from leaving the Central Station.

The Committee, which found that the existing situation in the Central Station led to "quarrels and frequent fights" and seriously endangered public peace, made the following recommendations to improve the situation.

According to the official investigation, the "regular" (non-express) bus to Jerusalem arrived at the station 15 minutes late, and Mr. Segal allowed 20 passengers for Ramat Raziel to board it. They were followed by 45 youths for Mevuot Betar who had to catch transportation for the kibbutz from the Hartuv crossroad. Four of the group were left out although there was still space for them on the bus.

When Mr. Segal waved to the bus to proceed, one of the four, a girl, tried to board by the rear door. She was pulled down forcibly by Mr. Segal. A verbal and then a fist fight between the four youths and Mr. Segal ensued which lasted only a few seconds. Mr. Segal then went around the bus to talk to its driver and fell down in a faint.

The driver who took Mr. Segal to the Municipal Hospital brought back the rumour that he had been murdered by strangulation. This excited the other drivers into violent behaviour. They obstructed police, drove buses to block the police car from leaving the station and finally broke its windows. A police officer and constable had to draw guns to control the situation.

Mr. A. Feldman, director of the terminal, said in his testimony that Eshed sent buses from the station late for "commercial reasons" — to pack the vehicles — and sometimes waited for a particular driver whose residence was at the bus destination. There were only two constables guarding the station because the Municipality had not allotted room for more, while it kept six rooms at the station for food card distribution, he said.

Mr. Iser Wolovelski, a veteran Eshed controller, said there was always a great deal of tension between "white and black folk" at the station. There were three queues for buses, a regular one, one for soldiers and a third for "directors of institutions, Knesset Members, secretaries of kibbutzim and such persons."

The only persons allowed in a bus before it reached the platform were "our people" he said, adding that persons... he "managed to arrange the whole thing somehow."

1) the congestion in the Central Station must be reduced by the following necessary steps:

a) Removing from the Station's area all suburban lines and fixing a terminus for them in different parts of the city. These lines will not pass through the station proper but at the end of it. The reason for this step is to provide more space between the stations of the interurban lines and to prevent a concentration of stations of these various lines in one place.

b) to forbid parking for extending periods in the Central Station area;

c) to lengthen the passenger ramps;

d) to open an additional exit and to repair the existing ones (revolving doors), and

d) to remove the Municipality Food Department from the Station's buildings.

2) To make a supreme effort to establish two auxiliary stations, one in Jaffa and one in North Tel Aviv, even if they are only of the most temporary nature.

3) To improve the situation near the station by:

a) lengthening the city lines so that their terminus stations will not be near the Central Station;

b) to implement the decisions of the Municipal Traffic Committee on one-way streets near the Central Station, and

c) to establish nearby parking places for commercial vans and motorcycles.

4) To enforce the control of orders:

a) by increasing the number of policemen and inspectors, granting Municipal inspectors authority, by stationing two traffic policemen near the terminal, and

b) by reducing the number of persons who may enter queues without turn and by fixing clear regulations in this matter which would bind the cooperative management and those concerned.

5) To liquidate the disorderly situation in the taxi area near the station. For example, illegal parking, inter-urban service without the permission of the Traffic Inspector, and illegally urging passengers to take taxis.

And, moreover, to implement the decisions regarding improvements and repairs in the Central Station that were decided upon more than once, but which were never implemented.

50% Water Rate Increase Asked in Jerusalem

A proposal to raise Jerusalem water rates by more than 50 per cent was made to the Municipality's water committee last week. Jerusalem's rates are already the highest in the country.

The head of the Water Department, Mr. Z. Leibowitz, recommended the increase from 300 pruta per cubic metre to 480 pruta after outling the serious losses now being incurred by his Department, particularly because of faulty meters. The proposal will be discussed together with the Department's budget at the next meeting of the committee later this week.

The committee also expressed disappointment at the Government's failure to allocate sufficient hard currency to permit the purchase of 6,000 new meters.

It is also expected that preparatory work will soon begin on the drilling for water in the Hills.

HELICOPTER RESCUE

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down, and at 7 p.m. the towing rope snapped and all attempts to tie the smack again failed in the darkness and storm. Although the Mem Het 14 was now in acute danger and had lost sight of the boat, she was ordered to stand by and serve as a marker for rescue operations.

Mr. Prag alerted the harbour tug, Tzuriah, but she returned at 11.30 p.m. without sighting anything. Mr. Prag then contacted the Navy which sent several vessels to the area, and the Mem Het 14 returned.

The Acre police, meanwhile, sent out a search party to Nahariya where a Navy vessel reported having sighted the smack, but they found nothing. Next morning, one constable, Edward Mustaki, was found exhausted near Rosh Hanikra. He reported that the smack had broken up, and he had reached land by clinging to a piece of her mast.

6 Killed in French Airliner Crash

BORDEAUX, Saturday (AP). — A French DC-4 tore through a small pine wood while landing in a fog near here, crashed in a field, killing or injuring all the 21 passengers and crew. Rescuers said six had been killed and at least 12 injured.

The plane was carrying 14 passengers and seven crewmen, a spokesman for the Union Aeromaritime des Transport said. The fate of the others could not be immediately determined.

30 J'LEM SANITATION WORKERS DISMISSED

Dismissal notices have been sent to 30 Jerusalem sanitation department workers, thus pushing the number of city employees discharged last week to 64. The dismissals followed consultations between the representatives of the Municipality Workers' Council and Labour Exchange.

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From Jerusalem: Bet Yahalom, 11 a.m.

IL.500m. Still Needed For Farming—Eshkol

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Local industry contributed next to nothing towards exports, its products being unable to compete on the world market, Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, said at a public meeting at the Mograbi theatre here last night.

Israel was less than halfway towards economic independence, Mr. Eshkol stressed, with its tremendous foreign currency needs approaching the $400m. mark annually. Most of this sum came from donations, long-term loans from Jewry, grants-in-aid and loans from others.

The present 500,000 dunams under irrigation had to be increased to two million dunams, and 30,000 families had to settle on the land as speedily as possible. He estimated that IL.500m. were necessary to achieve that aim, 40 per cent of which had to be in foreign currency.

This country should rely on its natural wealth, he said. The chemical industry of the Dead Sea which it was hoped would show results in about six months, and the phosphate mines, would bring in up to $50m. annually, if developed properly. An investment of $30m. to $40m. was needed in these industries. The Minister said that he was pretty certain the country had oil.

Speaking on the cost of production here, Mr. Eshkol pointed out that cement was $14 a ton on the world market, while local industries demanded $22 a ton; that meant that the Treasury had to add almost a pound to the official dollar rate. A similar situation prevailed in the artificial teeth industry. There the dollar was worth IL.2.07. The artificial teeth factory in Ramat Gan was now on the verge of closing down for this reason, he announced. It now employed less than half the workers it did previously, which was a pity since it was one of the very few factories of its kind in the world. Costs in the tyre industry were also much too high.

It was time that the local population realized that it had nobody to make demands from, as it had done when under foreign rule; everyone should "himself become a Miniser of Finance" and begin making these calculations, Mr. Eshkol concluded.

Egyptians Stop Persian Immigrants from Leaving

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITIM). — The airlift from Persia has again been temporarily suspended — this time at the intervention of the Egyptian government.

A constellation plane loaded with immigrants at the Teheran airfield was "revving up" on the runway last week, with a two-engined plane of the Egyptian Misr Airlines parked behind it. When the blasts of air from the engines sent the Egyptian plane skidding backwards along the runway, it landed up just off the concrete.

The Egyptians immediately lodged a protest with the airfield authorities, claiming that the plane had been damaged, and its passengers injured. They demanded that the landing rights of the Constellation plane be withdrawn immediately, alleging that the pilot had deliberately opened up his engines to cause damage to the Misr plane.

Despite the pilot's apologies and his statement that it was an accident without malice, the landing licence was withdrawn. Until it is renewed the airlift will be suspended.

LINTON GUEST OF EMPEROR IN TOKYO

The Israel Minister to Japan, Mr. Yosef Linton, was among the dinner guests of the Emperor and Empress on Thursday, a Foreign Ministry spokesman stated yesterday.

Other guests at the Palace in Tokyo were Prince and Princess Takamatsu, Prime Minister Yoshida, Foreign Minister Okazaki, the Ambassadors of India and Thailand, and the Swiss Minister.

Youths Charged In Eshed Case Bailed

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Chaim Avni, 20, and Yosef Cohen 17, who are charged with the manslaughter of Mr. Yitzhak Segal, the Eshed bus supervisor who died after a drawl at the central bus terminus on January 30, were released by District Judge M. Kenneth in IL.500 bail each yesterday. The police did not object.

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Missing Child Found Alive in Pool

RAMAT GAN, Saturday. — Three-year-old Avraham Lebman, of the Milde Ezrahi quarter here, who wandered away from his home yesterday afternoon, was found alive at 9 o'clock at night lying in a puddle some 200 metres from his home.

After a search conducted by relatives and neighbours had proved fruitless, police were summoned. Avraham Lebman is the 16th child recently to wander away from home in this neighbourhood. All have been found unharmed.

Lake Murder Case Inquiry Begins

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — The preliminary enquiry into a murder charge against Haim Simhoni opened here before Magistrate Y. Bar Zeev yesterday. Simhoni, a sergeant-major, is accused of the murder of Miriam Arzi, on December 30.

Mainly technical evidence was given by ten prosecution witnesses. It included a description of the murder scene and of the night's events.

Neighbours Take In Evicted Families

Traffic is to be banned in the immediate vicinity of the building on the corner of Samuel and Shamai Streets, near Zion Square in Jerusalem, as soon as repair work on the faulty foundation gets underway.

The work, which will take about two months, will begin in the next few days during which time most of the nine families who must leave their apartments will move in with other families who need not move from the building.

ON GUARD

The Arab Legion intelligence service has warned all Jordan frontier posts to arrest any person who might enter Jordan with a Syrian passport bearing the name of Abdul Kader Kalas.

This passport, according to the Old City paper "A-Diffa," was taken by the Israel authorities from one of the Syrian fishermen recently detained in Israel waters.

Silver Asks U.S. Jews To Invest in Israel

By Jesse Zel Lurie,
POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday.—Called "one of the architects of the Jewish State," by distinguished speakers at a dinner given here on Thursday to celebrate his 60th birthday, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver recalled his efforts five years ago when the U.S. abandoned Partition and proposed trusteeship.

As head of the American section of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Silver led the fight which resulted in the defeat of the trusteeship plan.

He recalled those trying days, he said, because "dirty weather coming from the East lay ahead."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver spoke of the increased Arab activity against Israel. Declaring that the Arabs were "waiting for the economic collapse of Israel and preparing for the second round," he called for increased American Jewish aid for the Jewish State.

"Israel needs red blood in the form of capital and private investments. Fortunately, the new coalition Government, which had been long overdue, has created a favourable climate for such investments," he declared.

President's Message

In a message to the dinner, President Eisenhower said of Dr. Silver, "I not only extend to him my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations, but also wish to express my deep appreciation of the cultural, spiritual and humanitarian leadership which he contributed to our country and the entire world."

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles wrote: "His heroic efforts on behalf of the establishment of the State of Israel belong to history."

In his speech at the dinner, New York Governor Thomas Dewey said that Russia's anti-Semitism might be the sign of a crack-up in the Kremlin.

Congratulatory messages were sent to Dr. Silver by Prime Minister Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Rabbi Irving Miller, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who presided at the dinner, announced that the Z.O.A. was to establish a settlement in Israel in honour of Dr. Silver.

Bunche Here on Visit

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Special Adviser, and Mr. Shabtai Rosenne, the Legal Adviser. He remarked that Mr. Walter Eytan, the Foreign Ministry's Director-General, who came to meet him on behalf of Mr. Sharett "appears to be more orientally-minded, as he went east to India, but didn't come to New York to see us."

Although here privately, the former mediator said he would report to the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, and give him his impressions both of the Middle East and of India and Pakistan. Asked whether he would agree to mediate between Israel and the Arabs to help achieve peace, he said that he was an "international civil servant who earns his bread by doing what he is told and goes where he is sent."

His first visit to the Indian subcontinent had been very interesting and very strenuous, Dr. Bunche said. The situation in Kashmir was "potentially the most dangerous in the world," and was in many respects similar to that here when he had first come to mediate. If the situation were to deteriorate the whole of the Moslem world might be implicated, he warned, pointing out that Pakistan had a long border jointly with the Soviet Union.

Throughout his India-Pakistan visit he had found intense interest in the Africa problem. World questions were viewed there in this order of priority: Kashmir, Africa, Korea and the admission of Communist China to the U.N. In general the U.N. attitude towards colonial and trusteeship problems was a touchstone of the settlement of world problems. The U.N. charter showed the way, and he thought it was up to new states like Israel, Burma, India and Pakistan to help, as they had a special responsibility having themselves just emerged from colonial status. Progress had been made, he said. Whereas debates in the fourth U.N. Assembly Committee some years ago had centred on the intrinsic merits of the colonial system, there was now no debate on this as all were agreed that that system must go. The issue now was the pace at which it should be liquidated.

Dr. Bunche revealed that he had recently resigned from an appointment made over three years ago naming him Professor of Government at Harvard University. "Since the appointment was made, I've been on three years' leave of absence, and have at last resigned, without having taken up the appointment," he said. He felt that it was more important for him to keep at his present task, and try to do something concrete to help solve some of the world's problems.

"It would be a bit difficult to try to teach students about government when they were being taken away and put into uniform," he said. "They'd ask me: 'Why did you leave the U.N.?'"

Present at the airport to greet Dr. Bunche were Mr. Eytan; Sgan-Aluf Nehemia Argov, representing the Prime Minister; and Mr. W.W. Kelly, of the U.S. Embassy, representing Ambassador Davis.

Dr. Bunche lunched with Mr. Ben Gurion at the Ramat Aviv Hotel today, and was the dinner guest of Mr. Sharett at the Foreign Minister's residence tonight. He was entertained to tea by Mr. Eytan at the Sharon Hotel this afternoon. He is due to visit Jerusalem tomorrow, and will leave on Monday morning for the U.S.

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Mr. Perry, in his appeal against a lower court decision, contended: "I think there is a limit to the obligation of a husband to support his wife. And that limit is reached insofar as educating is concerned long before a man reaches the age of 52."

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Cables in Brief

APPOINTMENT. — Prime Minister Winston Churchill has appointed his son-in-law, Captain Christopher Soames, to be his Parliamentary Private Secretary, it was announced in London on Friday. Captain Soames, 31, Conservative M.P., since 1950, married Churchill's youngest daughter, Mary, in 1947.

RESIGNATION. — Mr. Paul Hoffman has tendered his resignation as President of the Ford Foundation, effective March 1, to become Board Chairman of the Studebaker Corporation.

TRADE. — A commercial agreement between Greece and Holland was initialled on Thursday at the Greek Foreign Office in Athens. It will be in force for a year, from February 1, 1953.

STAMPS. — The Vatican Post Office will issue two new stamps on February 12 to commemorate last year's 500th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti.

COTTON. — Japan will offer to buy 40,000 bales of Egyptian cotton, worth over $4m., the leader of a Japanese trade delegation said on Thursday after talks in Cairo.

DEPORTATION — Karel Wasong, 22, of Tel Aviv, an exchange student at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, is to face hearings for deportation for having failed to attend classes and with obtaining employment, which is forbidden to exchange students. Two weeks ago, Wasong was complainant in an assault case brought against a photographer who was fined $250.

HIGH RECORD. — The record of Israel Army personnel studying in the U.S. was demonstrated by Segen Abraham Katany, of the Israel Air Force, who recently graduated with the highest grades as an honour student, leading his class at the aircraft maintenance officers' course at the U.S. Air Force Technical School in Illinois.

MEMORIAL. — Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia has offered to donate on behalf of his country all the granite for the proposed American memorial to the six million Jews of Europe slain by Nazis, the committee in charge of the memorial announced Friday.

VERDICT — The death of John Montgomery, State Department official, found hanged in his home in Washington on January 24, was declared a suicide on Thursday.

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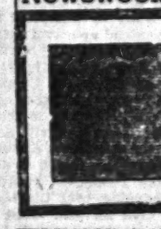
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Any Arab cooperative society wishing to propose a candidate to the above course should apply not later than February 20 to the Cooperatives Department, Ministry of Labour, Jerusalem, with the following particulars: (a) name of candidate (b) age (c) post held in his cooperative society (d) address.

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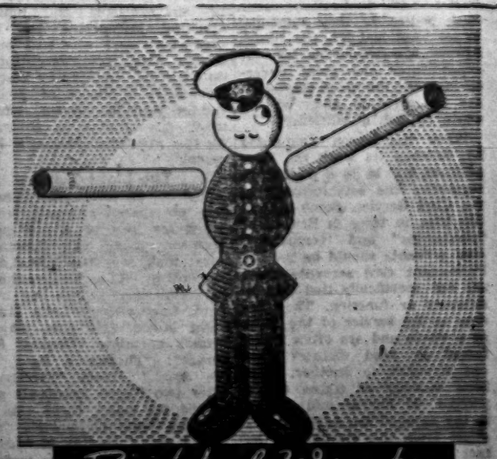
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FOR the second month in succession there has been delay in the payment of salaries to civil servants. In January the month had nearly drawn to its close before December wages were paid, and payment for last month will only begin today and will conclude somewhere about the fifteenth of the month.

CIVIL SERVICE WORRIES

This situation is indicative of the strain under which Israel's Civil Service has been working. This has been intensified by the decision to transfer more ministries to Jerusalem with the consequent domestic educational and social upheaval involved, let alone the vexing problem of finding a place to live. It is little consolation to the civil servants to be told that transfer is one of the risks inherent in public service.

To delay in receipt of salary and personal upheaval there has been added to the civil servant's worries recently the existence of the Lavon Committee, set up some months ago to work out economies in the staffing of Israel's Civil Service. Since the Committee commenced operations the threat of dismissal, like Damocles' sword, has been hanging over the head of every civil servant. Last week the Committee reported that over two thousand dismissals would in fact take place and that the first few hundred have already been given their marching orders.

The manner in which dismissals are being carried out was, in fact, somewhat tempered by discussions which took place between the Lavon Committee and the Employees' Union. They came to certain agreements. One was that the rule of "last in first out" would normally apply and the other was that no civil servant would be asked to go unless his post was actually abolished.

These modifications hardly deal with the real issue, which is that of the status of the civil servant and the efficiency of the Service as a whole. Thus, for example, to keep on an old civil servant who may be completely inefficient simply because he was in office a long time and dismiss a man of merit whom it might be in the interests of the State to retain is how the rule of first in last out, in spite of its apparent fairness, sometimes works out.

The problem must be tackled much more fundamentally than that. Something over a year ago a draft bill regulating the status of the civil servant was tabled in the Knesset. It was held back for certain modifications and has since been relegated to a very low place in the Knesset's already overcrowded agenda. The interests of the State demand that time be found urgently to deal with this problem. The country cannot be served well by a body of men and women, however conscientious, who are continually racked by the most serious personal worries.

The interim report of the Lavon Committee issued last week also pointed out that they had only dealt with duplication and superfluity inside the government service and had not considered the serious problem presented by overlapping and duality of function with non-governmental organizations working in parallel fields. This surely must now be included in the terms of reference of the Committee. Moreover it has been rightly pointed out that the enquiry ought to have been extended to embrace other bodies which are almost the equivalent of the civil service where similar problems of overstaffing, wastes and duplication occur. Such bodies, be they municipal or semi-national, like the Jewish Agency, are responsible for vast expenditures and great undertakings and the needs they serve are too great to allow of any waste or lack of efficiency.

When the Lavon Committee has finished its work the Government will be in a position to regularize the establishment of the Civil Service. Some system like that in force in Britain, of "permanent" and "temporary" civil servants should be set up. Permanent civil servants there are not specifically tied to one ministry or function. They belong to the service of the State as a whole and are often transferred as need dictates from one ministry to another. They have security of status and a position of honour and dignity in the eyes of the public which arises from this status and the fact that one has to pass rather severe tests to be ranked as a permanent civil servant. It is in some such direction that the solution of the problem of Israel's Civil Service and the dispelling of the worries of a devoted body of loyal men and women will be found.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

FOUR YEARS' EXPERIENCE

By GERDA LUFT

For the Speaker who looks at the Knesset as his favourite child the birthday party held on the fourth anniversary of Parliament presented an opportunity to review its "ranks," to point out past success and outline future goals. For overburdened ministers it was yet another official function coming at the end of a long and busy day. For most of the members it was an hour sandwiched in between sessions and party-conferences, an opportunity to meet friends they had not seen for some time, and chat with former members who had come up to Jerusalem for the occasion. For members of the settlements in the Jerusalem Corridor who had been invited to attend, this was obviously a great day. The delegation of Yemenites who came from one of the neighbouring villages were obviously delighted with this opportunity of enjoying the hospitality of the heads of the state and they took good care to impress on the Minister of Finance their need for more water and their success in planting new trees.

For the observer who has closely followed the development of the Knesset during its first few years, it was an opportunity to ponder on parliamentary trends here. It is encouraging to see how friendly the atmosphere in the House has remained despite the bitter party struggle which was accentuated in the past few months by developments in Moscow. The anniversary party showed the many and diversified threads which unite members of all parties, the variety of interests are shared by adherents of different political trends. The Knesset is more than ever the meeting place of all who are interested in social and political problems: it works as a clearing-house for ideas and vested interests alike. This peculiar quality, already discernable at the Knesset's inception has become even more pronounced recently.

Work Schedule

Considering the Knesset as a factory for turning out laws rather than as a sounding-board for public opinion, the record is less good. As always, the House is struggling against an oversized work schedule, against procedural problems, against inability to plan and organize. Pondering these difficulties we are somewhat comforted by Whitehall's attempt to streamline parliamentary work there. In London too there are complaints that Parliament is becoming more and more a meeting place for professional politicians rather than for interested amateurs and that the necessity to attend session after session owing to the narrow government majority makes more and more people shy away from the heavy burden of being a M.P. Jerusalem can at present boast of having solved the problem by the broad coalition which makes unnecessary continuous attendance from the point of view of the vote. We are however realizing that this very easing of duties may threaten regular attendance, and the Knesset will now have to show that regular work without threat of crisis is even more important than periods of high tension.

Fixing Prices

The debate on the fixing of prices picked up somewhat towards the end when some members attacked the problems outright; in his winding-up speech the Minister of Finance dealt with points raised during the debate. This admittedly foreshadowed the broader discussion of the economic position expected during the budget speech. Mr. Eshkol stressed that he had not, in contradiction to press allegations, tried to soothe the public about the position of the Treasury, and again asserted his attitude of optimism. His additional explanations about Treasury debts did not do much to clear up the controversial issue of the deficit and when the debate was over no one was much wiser about the general policy to be pursued. Perhaps it was a mistake to press the Government for an outline of economic policy in the first weeks of the new Coalition's tenure of office.

The unique character of the State of Israel was this week re-emphasized by one or two items on the agenda. A bill to make possible the expulsion of farmers who do not fulfil their duties satisfactorily is one example. There is probably no other country in the world which attempts to settle her new immigrants on the land to be trained as farmers when they have never before worked on the land and are strangers to the traditional cooperative principles of our settlements. The bill will serve as a legal means to exclude people but will only be of use in cases of extreme unsuitability. Education and persuasion must still do most of the work of making responsible farmers of untrained and unskilled workers.

The bill prohibiting the raising of pigs is another example. It is interesting that the extreme orthodox Agudat Yisrael Party was satisfied with a bill forbidding the raising of pigs by Jews, while other parties (non-religious ones among them) tried to make pig-raising illegal throughout the country. The issue not only causes much resentment, but also draws together members of different political beliefs. It will be a fine point for the lawyers to decide whether a bill allowing pig breeding for one section of the population while prohibiting it for another does not smack of discrimination.

France Amends War Crimes Law

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS. — BY a strange historical paradox the French law on collective responsibilities for war crimes was obliterated last week at the very moment when the worst collective war crime on French soil was in the process of being tried.

At dawn one recent morning, after a passionate all-night debate the French National Assembly voted to suspend the main part of the law of 1948 under which all members of military units which had perpetrated war crimes were held guilty unless and until they could prove their innocence.

It was this notion of presumptive guilt, so contrary to the accepted principles of Western law, as well as the slow workings of French justice (after eight years there are still many Germans in French prisons awaiting trial) which had induced British and American authorities to refuse French demands for handing over German officers and men to French justice.

At the end of the debate abolishing the law of presumptive guilt, M. Rene Pleven, French Minister of Defence, promised the French Assembly he would make another effort to retrieve alleged war criminals, notably General Lemmerding, one-time S.S. commander, and now a civil engineer in the British zone of Germany, who was condemned to death in absentia by a French military tribunal for his responsibilities in the massacre of French civilians.

Massacre Trial

Parliament had rushed to get the reform voted before the verdicts were decided in the case of the massacre of Oradour-Sur-Glane, which cost 628 French lives. The climax of the massacre was the burning to death of over two hundred women and children locked into the village church and it ended in drunken revelry and song among the S.S. men who had evidently run amok. The clamour against this trial started in Alsace. Alsatian members of the S.S., having been incorporated by force into the German army, claimed to be treated as French citizens and the Alsatians claimed they could not be tried and convicted according to laws framed to punish Germans.

The Parliamentary Commission on Justice responded to this claim, and suggested amending the war crimes law in order to absolve the Alsatians and make sure they would be treated separately under ordinary French law. The Commission argued that the law introducing the notion of presumptive guilt was justified because it was often impossible to bring individual proof of guilt, and, as the President of the Commission told Parliament, "also let us not forget it was because of the shattering collective responsibility of Germany as a whole".

The final decision did not disrupt the Oradour trial. The Alsatians who demanded separate treatment for their compatriots will be partly satisfied by an amendment which, while providing for the Alsatians to be tried under the same law and by the same military tribunal, permits a separate application of justice. Thus, after the end of the evidence at Bordeaux, the prosecution and the defence will make separate pleas and two verdicts will then be pronounced, one for the Germans, one for the Alsatians. Nevertheless the French will have vindicated the principle of equality before the law, and, it is hoped, the British and Americans will consequently be more ready to consider handing over accused German nationals for trial in France.

'CAPITAL EROSION':

U.K.'s New Economic Disease

By SUSAN STRANGE

LONDON. — THE economists have diagnosed a new disease in the British economy. Having suffered for years from suppressed inflation, having taken a course of injections for its dollar deficiencies and having had its resistance lowered for years past by the inadequacy of its gold reserves, the battered old economy is now, it appears, suffering from "capital erosion". It may linger on yet for years, but in the end the complaint is fatal.

Almost all the bank presidents, in conducting their recent economic post-mortems on 1952, dwelt on the subject at length. And it is becoming the top-favourite subject for company chairmen in their annual reports to shareholders.

Out-Of-Date

The argument is that Britain is no longer investing new plant and equipment in the economy as the old plant and equipment is wearing out. The country is living above its income and making up the difference by drawing on its capital.

The results of such a condition are only too obvious. In competition with other exporting countries, British industries will slowly find themselves out-of-date, producing their wares at a higher cost than the market will bear. Shrinking exports will mean an ever-tighter squeeze on imports and a slowly-shrinking standard of living. And the financing of Commonwealth development out of surplus production becomes totally impossible.

Just recently, there has been new evidence that there may be a good deal in what the economic Cassandras have been saying. Estimates were given by the Central Statistical Office on the level of industrial production in December, 1952. These showed—taking industry in Britain as a whole—that output was still below that of the previous year, though not so far below as it had been during the summer. Taking the year as a whole, final records are expected to show a drop of three per cent on the previous year instead of the small increase expected by the Government last spring.

But the significance of these estimates lay less in the overall fall in output — for which there are as many different explanations as there are economic commentators — but in the detailed figures. Among these is the startling exception of the gas, electricity and water industries which together registered in November last an astonishing increase in production of more than eight per cent on November, 1951. By contrast, mining and quarrying remained stable, and the rest of manufacturing industry fell by three per cent.

Public Services

Gas, water and electricity are all publicly-owned industries, with easy access to Government sources of financing. And in the last national income "blue book," also published by the Central Statistical Office some months ago, these publicly-owned industries were shown to have had a marked advantage over private enterprise, and particularly over small private businesses, in investing new capital. One estimate derived from these official figures actually showed that fixed investment in the gas, electricity and water industries amounted to some 82 per cent of their gross product in 1951, while that in manufacturing industry generally amounted to only 11 per cent of its gross product.

Before 1951, in short, the annual increase in Britain's gross national product can be shown to have gone almost entirely into the public sector of industry — and especially into gas, water and electricity which are flow almost alone in maintaining rising production. Until then, though some companies — notably the large oil and chemical concerns — were able to borrow large new sums for investment, yet their borrowings were almost entirely offset by other companies and businesses which survived only by living off capital — "dissaving," the economists call it — in one way or another.

The situation now arises where, without an annual increment of output to be set aside for investment, whether by public or private enterprise, fairly heavy investments are still in fact being made in Britain's publicly-owned industries.

The implication is plain. Investment in the private part of industry will become yet more difficult and the rate of disaving will become even higher. The outlook for production will be poor.

Three Courses

To put things right again, the Government has three courses open to it. It must find a way of making people in this country save more — and, therefore, consume less — so that there is enough investment capital to feed both public and private investment. Or it must restrain public investment in order to leave capital free for the private sector of industry — that is, it must cut taxes. Or, finally, it could create new means of allowing industries not publicly owned to make use of Government sources of finance.

This last alternative might find favour with a Socialist Government attached to the idea of economic planning.

But the trend of policy in Mr. Churchill's Government is away from planning. The dilemma it faces over the problem of industrial production is not an easy one. (OPNS)

Readers' Letter

NUMBER OF ARAB REFUGEES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Arab spokesmen habitually refer to "the million" Arab refugees from the territory forming the State of Israel. Even the Director of the UNRWA (in his report to the Seventh Assembly of the United Nations) speaks of 880,000 (see para. 12 of the Report). A simple calculation based on the Director's own statements and on data provided by official non-Jewish sources will show that this figure is a gross overestimate.

The number of refugees is obviously equal to the total number of Palestine Arabs minus the number of Palestine Arabs who are *not* refugees (i.e. who still live where they did prior to 1948). What are those numbers?

The Report of the UNSCOP Commission (vol. I, p. 11) puts the Arab population of Palestine at the end of 1946 at 1,221,846. The natural increase of that population between the end of 1946 and the middle of 1952 (date of the UNRWA estimate), can be put at about 133,000. This means that the total number of Palestine Arabs amounted in mid-1952 to about 1,404,000.

How many are *not* refugees? In the middle of 1952, Arab residents of Israel numbered some 173,000 (according to the official Israel figures which may well be an underestimate in view of the illegal infiltration into Israel). Arab residents (as distinguished from refugees) in the Gaza district number (according to the UNRWA report para. 63) about 80,000. Residents (non-refugees) of Eastern Palestine incorporated in the Jordan Kingdom can be calculated (from data provided in para. 66 of the Report) to number some 440,000. Thus the total number of Palestine Arabs who are not refugees amounts to about 693,000. Deducting this number from the total number of Palestine Arabs, we arrive at the figure of 711,000 as the total number of refugees in the middle of 1952. This would, of course, include the natural increase of the refugee population since 1948.

Even the above figure is likely to be an overestimate. Mr. Blandford (the Director of UNRWA) admits that many permanent residents of the districts where UNRWA operates succeed in registering as refugees for UNRWA purposes. These pseudo-refugees may well be even more numerous than would appear from the above computations. That this is in fact the case seems to be indicated by the much smaller figure arrived at if the number of fugees is calculated on the basis of statistics prior to 1948 of Arab residents of the territory now forming the State of Israel.

Yours, etc.,
SHLOMO GINOSSAR

Jerusalem, February 3.

FLOODS IN HOLLAND

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Holland has been most severely and grievously stricken by the storm which has hit Western Europe and although we are not a rich country and are saddled with formidable problems of our own, we should be able to render some help to the Dutch people. My suggestion is that the Government or the Magen David Adom or the Army should recruit a small force of volunteers who would spend some months in Holland helping her to overcome her first reconstruction difficulties. The volunteers would also give concrete expression of our sympathy for a valiant and sorely afflicted people.

Yours, etc.,
SHIM'ON AKAVYAH

Tel Aviv, February 3.

SHOCKING THE PUBLIC

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Those of us who heard over "Kol Yisrael" on Friday and Saturday the news of the death of the Eshed Ticket Collector, were, to say the least, stunned. The broadcast left no doubt that Mr. Segal had been murdered. Instead of shocking the public, "Kol Yisrael" should have awaited the results of the medical examination before giving the verdict of "mob murder."

Yours etc.,
A.S. DANGOUR

Tel Aviv, February 1.

MUSICAL DIARY

KOL Yisrael's Tuesday night concert, conducted by George Singer, had an attractive programme and the standard of performance was high. Brahm's Haydn-variations always seem academic and anaemic. Mahler's "Kindertotenlieder" (poems by Rueckert) are among the most heartfelt, intimate and moving of his song-cycles. Edith Goldschmidt (contralto) proved to be an excellent and understanding interpreter and the orchestra's part was well read. Bizet's First Symphony (introduced to this country by Walter Goehr) is a stroke of genius full of youthful charm, which made fine climax in contrast to the mournful Mahler's Requiem.

The Light Touch

Instead of a projected concert of chamber music, cancelled for lack of a new programme, young Mr. Yohanan Zarai took over the Y.M.C.A.'s bi-monthly "Live Programme" on Wednesday, at the last moment, improvising "Let's Make Light Music." He first played Friml's nostalgic "Donkey Serenade": "There's a Song in the Air..." (from "Firefly"). After two Negro Spirituals arranged for piano, there was a selection from Gershwin's "Of Thee I Sing," leading to "Lady be Good" and "I am so awfully misunderstood." Mr. Zarai has the light touch for the two French songs that followed. We were most impressed by his "New Orleans Blues" improvisation and Irving Berlin's "Falling in Love is Wonderful" as well as the rhythm of "There's no Business like Show Business". Oddly enough the whole bill lasted exactly 30 minutes, like a Tea Time Intermezzo on the radio, and so was the shortest public recital, we ever attended. When the curtain fell at 9.10 p.m., we felt rather as though we had been invited to a cocktail party by T.S. Eliot and dismissed after the first aperitif: "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Ildebrando Pizzetti's new opera "Cagliostro", based on the life of the notorious 18th Century charlatan, had its world premiere at Milan's La Scala. It was previously broadcast over the Italian radio, conducted by the composer. Critical comments were favourable. *FRANGO*

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